



Team's Charge - Issues

1. Current funding formulas based on the first half of the 20th Century are not adequate for our 21st Century transportation needs.
2. The true economic and societal value of Michigan's transportation system is not understood by the public.
3. No system in place to provide a long-term solution for adequate funding to address increasing needs to sustain and improve all modes.

Team's Charge - Goals

1. Create bipartisan and citizen support for increased transportation funding changes to bolster support for legislative action.
2. Broaden the base of transportation funding that is indexed to the future to more equitably reflect the societal benefit. Seek alternate methods of funding to include new fuel technologies.
3. Dedicated and protected sources of funding need to be established to meet the growing demands of users of modes and automatically keep pace with inflation.

Team's Charge - Actions

1. Increase diesel and gas taxes to more appropriate levels and identify additional sources of funding, including: regional funding, impact fees, tolls, payroll fees, local option taxes and other user fees.
2. Look for best practices for restructuring needs.
3. Encourage and advocate for Michigan's Congressional delegation to support a growing six-year bill that provides a 95% rate of return for Michigan.

Team's Charge – Actions cont.

4. Education of the public and elected officials to understand the cost and complexities of constructing and maintaining the transportation system.
5. Look for best practices for restructuring transportation funding and allocation.

High Level Team Process

- The Congressional debate regarding re-authorization of federal transportation funding easily made this action our #1 priority.
- Supported efforts already underway such as the Michigan Transportation Team to assure that messages were consistent.
- Sub-committees met and developed materials for the education action and for development of the draft presentation for the Michigan Legislature.

High Level Team Process cont.

- Establish action items at each meeting.
- Ask for volunteers for sub-committees.
- Seek outside experts to answer questions or provide direct experience with issues.
- Use the committee as a clearinghouse for interesting articles or materials related to transportation funding.

Status of Implementation Plan

What implementation items have been complete?

1. Draft Funding Presentation complete.
2. Representative De Rossett and Senator Gilbert participated in team meetings.
3. Presentation made by Tolling Expert.
4. Developed matrix for educating various groups with appropriate methods.
5. Letters, e-mails, phone calls, and meetings with Michigan's Congressional Delegation regarding re-authorization.

Future Actions

- Continue to communicate with Michigan's Congressional Representatives on issues related to re-authorization of federal transportation funding legislation.
- Complete the development of an educational presentation for the new state legislative committees.
- Broaden the audience for the funding presentation to include groups identified in the Education Action Plan.